(b) The comparative yields of cereals (with paddy) and pulses are as follows :

(Kgs/hectare)

	India 1994-95	World 1994
Cereals	2168	2830
Pulses	609	847

(c) The reasons for lower yields of cereals and pulses observed in the country in comparison to world level are attributed to differences in soil types/fertility, application of various inputs, cultivation practices, technological advances, agro-climatic conditions etc.

(d) To increase the production and productivity of foodgrains, the Government is implementing various crop production programmes, besides providing price and market support.

STATEMENT

Per Hectare Yield of Cereals and Pulses - State-wise for 1994-95

State	Cereals*	Pulses
Andhra Pradesh	2169	402
Assam	1340	546
Bihar	1561	833
Gujarat	1432	575
Haryana	2947	1064
Himachal Pradesh	1477	@
Jammu & Kashmir	1680	@
Karnataka	1398	382
Kerala	1898	1435
Madhya Pradesh	1224	714
Maharashtra	989	472
Orissa	1392	576
Punjab	3734	878
Rajasthan	1046	546
Tamil Nadu	2625	399
Uttar Pradesh	2094	858
West Bengal	2168	630
All India	1763	609

@ Crop being unimportant, yield per hectares has not been calculated.

* Include yield of rice, wheat and coarse cereals.

[Translation]

Decanalisation of Sugar Export

715. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH :
SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY :
SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government's decision to decanalise sugar exports is likely to benefit the industry as well as trade;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of increase in the export of sugar as a result thereof;

(d) whether some of the sugar mills have opposed this move;

(e) if so, whether they have submitted any memoranda to the Government in this regard; and

(f) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) and (b). It has been decided to decanalise sugar export. India has become a major sugar exporter since 1995-96 season and to promote export, it is necessary to decanalise sugar export.

(c) It is not possible to quantify the increase in sugar exports as a host of factors including future international sugar prices determine export decisions.

(d) and (e). The Indian Sugar Mills Association, an apex body of the Sugar Industry, has petitioned the Government vide letter dated 19.9.1996 to reconsider its decision to decanalise export as, in their view, the objectives visualised by the Government are not likely to be achieved as long as the dual pricing policy on sugar continues.

(f) The sugar policy of partial control with a dual pricing mechanism is to continue for the present.

[English]

Sale of Foodgrains in Open Market

716. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI :
SHRI D.P. YADAV :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have revised guidelines for the sale of wheat, rice and other foodgrains in the open market;

(b) if so, the details of revised guidelines;

(c) the basic intention of the revision of the guidelines;